

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraphs of the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

**Claim of Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119**

[0001] The present Application for Patent claims priority to the following Provisional applications filed in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office:  
U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/319,888, entitled, "Physical ARQ in a Wireless Communication System," filed January 21, 2003, and  
U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/319,889, entitled, "Physical ARQ in a Wireless Communication System," filed January 21, 2003, and both assigned to the assignee hereof.  
~~U.S. Patent Application No. 10/140,087, entitled, "Method and Apparatus for Augmenting Physical Layer ARQ in a Wireless Data Communication System," filed May 6, 2002.~~

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

**Reference to Co-Pending Applications for Patent**

[0002] The present Application for Patent is related to the following co-pending U.S. Patent Applications:  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/620,023, entitled, "Reverse Rate Indicator Detection," having Attorney Docket No. 030168U2, filed July 14, 2003~~concurrently herewith~~  
and assigned to the assignee hereof; and

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/140,087, entitled, "Method and Apparatus for Augmenting Physical Layer ARQ in a Wireless Data Communication System," filed May 6, 2002 and assigned to the assignee hereof.